GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PS – PR&RD Department - Allegation of irregularities in execution of road work "Laying of internal CC roads from Rangaswamy Temple to Dharmachavidi at Reaches 3 & 4, Kakarla Village, Ardhaveedu Mandal, erstwhile Prakasam District" - Disciplinary proceedings against **Sri Y. Ramesh Babu, Executive Engineer**, PR Division, Markapur, Prakasam District under Rule 20 of the A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 – Article of Charges - Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 420 **Dated: 20.07.2023**
Read:

G.O.Rt.No.419, PR&RD (Vig. II) Department, Dt:20.07.2023

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ORDER:

It is proposed to hold an inquiry against Sri Y. Ramesh Babu, Executive Engineer, PR Division, Markapur, Prakasam District, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of article of charges (Annexure-I and II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure III and IV).

3. Sri Y. Ramesh Babu, Executive Engineer, PR Division, Markapur, Prakasam District, is directed to submit a written statement of his defence within 10 days of the receipt of this order.

4. Sri Y. Ramesh Babu, Executive Engineer, PR Division, Markapur, Prakasam District, is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. He, should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri Y. Ramesh Babu, Executive Engineer, PR Division, Markapur, Prakasam District, is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para 3 above or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 or the orders / directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiring Authority may hold the inquiry against him ex parte.

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6. Sri Y. Ramesh Babu, Executive Engineer, PR Division, Markapur, Prakasam District, is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matter pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with these proceedings it will be presumed that he is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of the order shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

B. RAJSEKHAR
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri Y. Ramesh Babu, Executive Engineer, PR, Division, Markapur, Prakasam District (w.e).
(through Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P., Vijayawada)
The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada (with a request to serve the charges on the individual and furnish a served copy to Govt.,)

Copy to:-
The Secretary to VC, A.P. Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi.
The PR&RD (Estt.I) Department.
The OSD to Hon'ble Dy.C.M for PR&RD
The PS to Spl.C.S to Govt, PR&RD. Dept,
SF/SC.

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ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI Y. RAMESH BABU, EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PR DIVISION, MARKAPUR, PRAKASAM DISTRICT.

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CHARGE:

That Sri Y. Ramesh Babu, Executive Engineer, PR Division, Markapur, Prakasam District, has committed certain allegation of irregularities in execution of road work "Laying of internal CC roads from Rangaswamy Temple to Dharmachavidi at Reaches 3 & 4, Kakarla Village, Ardhaveedu Mandal, erstwhile Prakasam District" and as per the inspection report of Deputy Executive Engineer, PR, Vigilance & Quality Control Sub-Division, Markapur dated 17.12.2022 that (i) there was no maintenance of QC tests and Registers maintained by the Engineering personnel, (ii) not provided the shoulders, space for service lines such as water pipe lines, telephone lines, cross drains; (iii) not provided Bituminous sealant for filling of joints; (iv) metal exposed at some places, cracks are observed in some places on the surface of the CC road; (v) the edges need to be improved and honeycombs are observed on edges at some places; (vi) Shoulders on both sides of CC road have not been proved. Further there is deficiency of 0.75 meters in length of internal CC road in reach NO.4 is also observed and recovery of Rs.2511/- for Reach No.3 and Rs.19,065/- for Reach No.4 have been observed,. Thus he has failed to supervise the above works properly which resulted poor quality execution and caused loss to the Government to tune of Rs.2,511/- and Rs.19,065/- (for two reaches).

Thus, with the above mentioned acts he has failed to discharge his duties, exhibited lack of integrity, now shown devotion to duty and exhibited conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant and thereby contravened Rules 3 (1) and 3 (2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOR IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI Y. RAMESH BABU, EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PR DIVISION, MARKAPUR, PRAKASAM DISTRICT.

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Sri Yeruva Krishna Reddy @ Nalla Krishna Reddy S/o Galireddy, R/o Kakarla Village, Ardhaveedu Mandal, Prakasam District, has filed a complaint petition dated:27.07.2022 before the Hon'ble A.P. Lokayukta Institution, Kurnool alleging that there are irregularities committed by the Public servants in execution of road work "Laying internal CC roads from Rangaswamy temple to Dharmachavidi in Kakarla Village, Ardhaveedu Mandal" as the road work was executed is not upto the standards and requested to take necessary action against the concerned personnel.

2. The above work was sanctioned by the Gram Panchayat of Kakarla Village based on the Resolution of the Gram Panchayat and administrative sanction was accorded by the District Collector under MGNREGS scheme dt:24.12.2019. The work was divided into 4 reaches and the work under allegation is in reach number 3 and 4. The work was commenced on 09.01.2020 and completed on 27.12.2020. The estimate cost of each work was Rs.10 lakhs.

3. The Deputy Executive Engineer, PR, Vigilance & Quality Control Sub-Division, Markapur dated 17.12.2022 has submitted inspection report on the works with the following observations:

Internal CC road Reach NO. 3

The length of CC road as per M.Book is 104.70 meters and it is tallied. The concerned Engineers did not produce Q.C. registers, CC cubes test register at the time of inspection. He further observed that metal exposed at some places, cracks are observed on the surface of the CC road and requested to rectify the defects as per standards. The edges need to be improved and honeycombs are observed on edges at some places and these should be rectified as per standards. Spaces in joints are also not provided. Bituminous sealed is not provided for filling of joints. Camber provided is not as per specification. It requires improvement. The contraction joints are not provided as per specifications. Shoulders on both sides of CC road have not been provided. He further proposed **an amount of Rs.2,511/-** to be recovered towards different cost of cement, as less average compressive strength observed against the specified strength of CC pavement.

Internal CC road Reach NO.4

The length of CC road as per M.Book is 126.50 meters but is only 125.90 meters. Deficiency of 0.60 meters in length was observed and proposed recovery. The concerned Engineers did not produce Q.C. registers, CC cubes test register at the time of inspection. He further observed that shoulders, space for service lines such as water pipe lines, Telephone lines, cross drain has not been provided. On the surface of the CC road, metal exposed at some places, cracks are observed in some places and requested to rectify the defects as per standards. The edges need to be improved and honeycombs are observed on edges at some places and these should be rectified as per standards. Spaces in joints are also not provided. Bituminous sealant is not provided for filing of joints. Camber provided is not as per specification. It requires improvement. Shoulders on both sides of CC road have not been provided. He further proposed **an amount of Rs.19,065/- to be recovered** towards deficiency in thickness of CC pavement and length of CC pavement.

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4. Based on the above the Dy. Director (Investigation), O/o Hon'ble Lokayuktha, Kurnool enquired into the matter and submitted his preliminary verification report dated 27.12.2022. He has informed that a team of Lokayukta officials along with Dy,EE, V&E, AE, V&E, Prakasam District have conducted joint inspection of above works in the presence of concerned Engineers. The length of CC road Reach NO. 3 as per M.Book is 104.70 meters and it is tallied. The length of CC road Reach No. 4 as per M.Bok is 126.50 meters but is only (55.50 + 70.25) 125.75 meters. Deficiency of 0.75 meters in length was observed and informed that the earlier observations of Dy.EE, PR, Vig. & QC Sub-Division, Markapur is holds good in remaining observations. The Deputy Director, Investigation, O/o Lokayayukta has furnished his **findings** as follows:

The discussions revealed that the allegations against (1) Sri Y. Ramesh Babu, EE, PR, Markapur, (2) Sri V.B.V. Prasadarao, Dy.EE, PRI Sub-Division, Giddalur and (3) Sri Y. Anjaneya Reddy, AE, PR, MPP, Ardhaveedu Madnal **is proved to the extent of** (1) Non conducting and Non maintenance of QC tests and registers (2) Not providing of the shoulders, space for service lines such as water pipe lines, Telephone lines, cross drain (3) Not providing of Bituminous sealant for filing of joints (4) metal exposed at some places, cracks are observed in some places on the surface of the CC road (5) the edges need to be improved and honeycombs are observed n edges at some places (6) shoulders on both sides of CC road have not been provided and the above deficiencies are to be rectified as per standards (7) deficiency of 0.75 meters in length of internal CC road in reach NO.4 is also observed. The recovery of Rs.2,511/- for reach No.3 and Rs.19,065/- for reach NO.4 be recovered from the concerned. The Deputy Director (Investigation), O/o Hon'ble Lokayuktha, Kurnool has recommended for appropriate action against Sri Y.Ramesh Babu, Executive Engineer, PR Division, Markapur of Prakasam District for his failure to supervise the work properly, which resulted poor quality in construction of internal CC roads and submit action taken report.

5. Thus, as per the Quality Control Engineer report, the quality of the work is not good and not to upto the mark. The inspection of the Dy. Director Lokayukta along with Vigilance & Enforcement Engineers also revealed the same defects as found in the quality control report of the PR Engineers with this it is mentioned in the report that the Public Servants 1 to 3 are responsible for the poor quality of work in construction of internal CC roads.

In view of the above, Sri Y. Ramesh Babu, E.E, PR Division, Markapur has failed to supervise the above works properly which resulted poor quality execution and caused loss to the Government thereby he has failed to discharge his duties, exhibited lack of integrity, not shown devotion to duty and exhibited conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant and thereby contravened Rules 3 (1) and 3 (2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964. ***Hence, the charge.***

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES IS PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED AGAINST SRI Y.RAMESH BABU, E.E., PR DIVISION, MARKAPUR, PRAKASAM DISTRICT.

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1. Complaint Petition of Sri Yeruva Krishna Reddy alias Nalla Krishna Reddy, S/o. Galireddy, R/o. Kakarla Village, Ardhaveedu Mandal, Prakasam District, dt:27.07.2022.

2. Letter C.NO.1549/2022/LOK/B1/8801/2022, dt:27.12.2022 of the Deputy Director (Investigation), I/o. Lokayukta, Kurnool, A.P.

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESSESS BY WHOM THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES IS PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED AGAINST SRI Y.RAMESH BABU, E.E., PR DIVISION, MARKAPUR, PRAKASAM DISTRICT.

-Nil-

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